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Equality Before the Law (EBTL) (1993 - 1995)

A media watchdog group made up of businesses, organizations, and individuals whose goal was to ensure the objective, non-judgmental reporting by news media of the Brandon Teena tragedy (upon which the movie *Boys Don't Cry* was based), with a secondary goal of passing hate crimes legislation in Nebraska.

EBTL FOUNDER AND CHAIR (1993 - 1995)

Wrote press releases for print, radio, and television broadcast.

Assembled media kits to help news media report the story in an objective manner.

Succeeded in changing the manner in which the story was reported by news media.

Organized rallies and vigils to raise awareness of the need for hate crimes legislation.

Spoke publicly and on camera to news media about issues of gender identity, sexual violence, and the need for hate crimes legislation.

Succeeded in getting bills introduced to the Unicameral in 1994 and 1995.

Influential in creating hate crimes law in Nebraska, which passed the Unicameral in 1996.

Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights, Nebraska (1993 - 1997)

CO-CHAIR

Served as Co-chair of Nebraska's oldest and largest gay and lesbian civil rights organization. Represented the gay and lesbian community as primary contact to news media on gay and lesbian issues.

Gay and Lesbian Youth Talkline, Nebraska (1996)

VOLUNTEER

Underwent extensive training in speaking with, and dealing with, issues of sex and sexuality in a frank, non-threatening, and non-judgmental manner to people of all ages.